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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 09 August 2006.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-15 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 8 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-7 and 9-15 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 09 August 2006 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

1. The abstract of the disclosure is objected to because it is not on a separate sheet.

Correction is required. See MPEP § 608.01(b).

2. Claims 1-7 and 9-15 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

As per claim 1, the claim is indefinite because it is directed to the method but fails to positively reciting steps defining the claimed method. Claim 7 also has the same problem.

As per claim 2, it is indefinite as to what it means by the recitation “whose first input and output are connected vertically”, lines 14-15; claim 9 also has the same problem. Further, “the operation control signal”, line 16, lacks a proper antecedent basis.

As per claim 3, lines 5-7, it is unclear the 1-bit random number is generated by a unit circuit or the signal variation detection circuit.

As per claim 4, it is unclear as to what the "output signals serially outputted from the order circuit" and the "output signal preceding by one", lines 4-5, are; claim 11 also has a similar problem. Noting that the order circuit as recited in claim 3 forms an operation control signal, not the serial output signals.

As per claim 6, line 4-5, "the arithmetic method" lacks a proper antecedent basis. Claim 7 also has the same problem.

As per claim 10, line 7, “the output unit” lacks a proper antecedent basis.

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As per claim 11, lines 4-5, “the order circuit” lacks a proper antecedent basis.

As per claim 12, line 6, “the next stage” lacks a proper antecedent basis, and is indefinite as to what it is.

As per claim 13, it is indefinite as to whose “the output”, line 9, is. Further, it is also indefinite as to what “the logic gate circuit constituting the first logic circuit and the second logic circuit”, lines 10-12, is.

As per claim 14, “the MOSFET”, lines 3 and 5, lack proper antecedent basis and is unclear as to what it is.

As per claim 15, lines 6-9, it is unclear as to what it means by the recitation “ for counting the number of unit circuits forming different outputs among the output signals outputted a plurality of times from the same unit circuit”.

3. Claim 8 is allowed.

4. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

5. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Chuong D. Ngo whose telephone number is (571) 272-3731. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday.

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Lewis, Jr. A. Bullock can be reached on (571) 272-3759. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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/Chuong D Ngo/
Primary Examiner, Art Unit 2193

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